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1 ABSTRACT

(Figure 2)

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING TRANSACTION SERVICES.

5 Apparatus and method for providing transaction services,
6 in particular a computer-based transaction machine, such
7 as an ATM, and a method for providing transaction
8 services using said transaction machine. One or more
9 software applications interact with middleware software
10 through functional interfaces that are hardware
11 independent but provide functionality which is
12 implemented in a manner adapted to the capabilities of
13 the particular hardware implementation. Objects provided
14 for standard transaction functions are independent of the
15 interface between the user and the transaction machine,
16 said interface being customisable. The resulting
17 transaction machines are typically combined into networks
18 and these networks may readily be combined to form an
19 Extranet.